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AD HOC REQUIREMENTS COMMITTEE ON PROJECT AQUATONE (ARC)

Minutes of Meeting Held in Room 214
Administration Building, Central Intelligence Agency
at 10:00 a.m., 30 July 1957

James Q. Reber
Chairman

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Mr. Ray Adcock, OACSI
Major David H. Bateman, OACSI
Major John P. Ruppert, OACSI
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Request for Requirements

The Chairman inquired whether any participants in the ARC had requirements in these areas which might be met simultaneously in the event such missions are conducted. The response of the members was in the negative but will be confirmed after checking at their respective headquarters.

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Requirements

3. It was reaffirmed that there are no requirements on the part of the ARC for Middle East photography. The Chairman recalled the existing understanding that each member is free to call for a re-examination of this question should his agency's needs become urgent and that should on high authority Middle East missions be directed the Chairman would report this in order that such requirements as the agencies had could be considered for incorporation into the plan.

Navy Proposals for Requirements for C Configuration

4. The Chairman referred to a memorandum from the Navy of 18 July 1957 (reference Ser NT-000257-57) listing five targets in the Satellite area on which they would like coverage by the C configuration. It was agreed that these targets would be held by the Chairman and submitted for consideration at such time as the use of the C configuration in operations became practicable.

Final ARC Target List

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5. Attention was called to the memorandum from [REDACTED] on the above subject dated 15 July 1957 (reference TCS-1627-57) which referred to the final machine listing of ARC targets. The Chairman expressed his appreciation and that of the ARC for the completion of this work which he well understood was extraordinarily time consuming. This listing, along with previous revised listings of [REDACTED] targets, now places in the hands of all participants and Project Operations a common and accurate reference for many purposes including rapid communication if required.

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Requirements in the Event of War

6. [REDACTED] Assistant Project Intelligence Officer, inquired whether the ARC ought not consider the need for establishing requirements which would become the subject of Project AQUATONE Operations in the event of war. It was the preliminary view of the Air Force and Navy that their requirements could be promptly identified within the listings referred in the subject above. The Army was of the belief that their requirements would be quite different. It was agreed that each participant would give this question consideration at his headquarters and that this matter would be discussed finally at the next ARC meeting.

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Summary of Missions

7. The Chairman called attention to a compilation issued by HTAUTOMAT called "A Summary of Missions" (reference SOM-3-57) which listed mission number, areas covered, date of coverage, configuration used, date of receipt, film quality, footage, orders for additional reproduction for consumers, and date of receipt of such materials. He suggested that this document be reviewed as a possible use to the principals on the ARC in keeping abreast of what had happened in regard particularly to reproduction of materials for their purposes. He suggested that it would be well in such review to define, if indeed there existed, needs for additional reproduction which might permit the maximum use of the Eastman facility for the maximum benefit of the community.

8. In this connection, question arose as to the plans for emergency storing of TALENT materials including reports. [REDACTED] agreed to set forth in a memorandum to the members the present status of the efforts which CIA has undertaken and plans to undertake for this purpose.

Reports Issued by Project Operations

9. The Chairman reported that he had received a compilation listing the various types of reports issued by Project Operations and disseminated to ARC members for their use. He indicated that he would submit to the members this listing with the request that each member check into whether these reports were being received on a timely basis as planned and whether indeed all of them are absolutely required, the latter for the purpose of reducing such reporting if it serves no useful purpose.

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JAMES Q. REBER
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